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U.S.C. § 102(b), and has also rejected claims 13, 17-19, 21, 22, 24, 30, 34-36, 39, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1-10, 25-27, and 64 are allowed. Dependent claims 14-16, 20, 31-33, 37, 43-45, 49-51, 55-58, and 60-63 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In their response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, Applicant traversed the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) rejections without amending any claims. In the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, the Examiner rejected Applicant's arguments, and claims 11-13, 15-19, 21-24, 38-30, 34-36, 38-42, 46-48, 52-54, and 59 remain rejected.

Applicant responds to the Examiner's response to the arguments set forth in the in the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, and respectfully asks that the Examiner reconsider the identified patent application in view of the remarks contained in this response. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-64 as presented are in a condition for allowance or are in condition for appeal, and favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.